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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GE, US

SUBJECT: US ADMINISTRATIVE TALKS WITH GDR: FIFTH DAY

REF: BERLIN 1507

1. SUMMARY. AT BRIEF CONCLUDING SESSION MORNING  
AUGUST 31, GDR REPS AGAIN DECLARED THEY HAD NO FURTHER  
PROPERTY TO SHOW US ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM. EAST GERMANS  
INSISTED REQUIRED OFFICE SPACE COULD BE READIED FOR  
OCCUPANCY AND ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL  
PROPERTY MADE AVAILALBE ONCE US HAD: A) SELECTED  
CHANCERY SITE FROM AMONG BUILDINGS OFFERED; AND B) FIXED  
DATE FOR OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. GDR REPS  
EXPRESSED EXPECTATION THAT DECISION ON BOTH POINTS  
WOULD BE REACHED DURING COURSE OF SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS  
IN WASHINGTON. EAST GERMANS ALSO ASKED THAT ALL REMAINING  
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TECHNICAL ISSUES BE RESOLVED AT SAME TIME. US ADMINISTRATIVE

TEAM RESTATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER BUILDINGS GDR OFFERED, BUT EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT MEAGER QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF CHOICES, AND SUGGESTED MEMBERS OF USBER STAFF OR MISS CLARK, WHO WOULD BE IN EUROPE DURING NEXT TEN DAYS, WOULD BE GLAD TO INSPECT ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS WHICH GDR MIGHT UNCOVER FOR POSSIBLE US OFFICE OR RESIDENTIAL USE. VISIT ENDED ON FRIENDLY NOTE WITH US TEAM THANKING GDR REPS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND EAST GERMANS EXPRESSING HOPE THAT ON FUTURE VISITS US REPS WOULD BE OVERNIGHTING IN EAST AND NOT WEST BERLIN. END SUMMARY.

2. IN WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE BRIEF FINAL SESSION, AT WHICH SEVERAL TECHNICAL ISSUES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED (SEE PARA 6 BELOW), US ADMIN TEAM ASKED AGAIN WHETHER GDR HAD ADDITIONAL CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE SITES TO PROPOSE. GDR SIDE REPLIED THAT PROPERTIES SHOWN DURING PAST WEEK WERE ALL THAT WERE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. TEAM ASKED WHEN PROPOSED SITES COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY. GDR SAID IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO BEGIN TO VACATE KARLPLATZ OR FRIEDREICHSTRASSE SITES AS SOON AS US INDICATED ONE WAS ACCEPTABLE FOR CHANCERY. REMODELLING AND RENOVATION TIME WOULD DEPEND ON US CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS. SCHADOWSTRASSE CONSTRUCTION WAS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 1974, BUT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS IT MAY BE READY SOMEWHAT EARLIER. IN RESPONSE US REQUEST, GDR SAID IT WAS NOT PREPARED TO PERMIT TEAM NOW OR IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO INSPECT INTERIOR OF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE PROPERTY, (THE EXTERIOR OF WHICH SEEN AUGUST 30, SEE BERLIN 1507), BUT DID GIVE FLOOR PLAN OF STRUCTURE. GDR ALSO SAID IT WAS NOT NOW ABLE TO GIVE FLOOR PLANS OR PERMIT TOUR OF APARTMENTS ABUTTING ON KARLPLATZ SITE.

3. REGARDING RESIDENTIAL SITES, GDR SAID IT PREPARED TO MAKE NECESSARY NUMBER OF APARTMENTS AVAILABLE, BASED ON PATTERN AND STYLE SHOWN TEAM ON MONDAY, AS SOON AS US WAS PREPARED TO MOVE TO EAST BERLIN. WITH RESPECT TO AMBASSADOR AND SENIOR OFFICER RESIDENCES, GDR SAID IT HAD NO MORE PROPERTIES AT PRESENT, BUT WAS AWARE OF US REQUIREMENTS WHICH WOULD BE MET WHEN THE TIME CAME.

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4. US REPS NOTED THAT INASMUCH AS NO OTHER FACILITIES WERE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION, THERE SEEMED NO POINT IN KEEPING LARGE US TEAM IN BERLIN. SEVERAL TEAM MEMBERS WOULD BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON OVER THE WEEKEND. MISS CLARK WOULD BE IN EUROPE NEXT TEN DAYS AND COULD RETURN TO BERLIN IN EVENT GDR FOUND ADDITIONAL SITES FOR HER TO INSPECT. IN FIRST INSTANCE, HOWEVER, US TEAM SUGGESTED GDR CONTACT MR. BARKLEY OF USBER WHO WOULD COME TO EAST BERLIN TO

LOOK AT OFFICE AND HOUSING SITES AND REPORT HIS FINDINGS  
TO MISS CLARK AND WASHINGTON.

5. GDR REPS AGREED THIS WAS BEST POSSIBLE COURSE. NO  
HINT WAS GIVEN BY GDR, HOWEVER, THAT ADDITIONAL PROPERTY  
SITES WOULD BE LOCATED.

6. AT START OF MEETING US TEAM PRESENTED GDR WITH PREPARED  
STATEMENTS ON US PROPERTY AT PARISER PLATZ, ON NEED FOR  
UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO POSSIBLE US BUILDING SITES, AND ON  
US TELECOMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS. GDR WAS INFORMED THAT  
MATERIAL FROM THESE STATEMENTS COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO  
THE AGREED MEMORANDUM OF RECORD DRAFTED DURING THE  
SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION, TEAM  
NOTED THAT IT WOULD RECOMMEND SOME CHANGES IN WORDING ON  
STANDARD LEASE IN ORDER TO CONFIRM TO US REGULATIONS. TEAM  
PROMISED TO FORWARD TO GDR GERMAN TEXT OF SUGGESTED CHANGES  
IN NEAR FUTURE. (COPIES POUCHED DEPARTMENT)

7. COMMENT. FROM START OF MEETING, IT WAS APPARENT THAT  
GDR SIDE HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO RAISE AND WISHED CONCLUDE  
ADMINISTRATIVE TALKS. SEVERAL TIMES DURING SESSION, GDR  
DELEGATES LINKED FURTHER DECISIONS ON THEIR PART TO  
SUCESS OF GDR HOUSING TEAM'S VISIT TO US AND TO LATER  
SUBSTANTIVE TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS.

8. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, OFFICE SITES SHOWN TO US TEAM DURING  
WEEK WERE CONSIDERABLY INFERIOR TO FRENCH AND BRITISH  
FACILITIES, BOTH IN REGARD TO LOCATION AND QUALITY OF  
STRUCTURE. SINGLE RESIDENCE ON HEINRICH-MANN-STRASSE IS  
SUPERIOR TO HOUSE MADE AVAILABLE TO FRENCH CHARGE BUT FAR  
MORE MODEST THAN THAT BEING REMODELLED FOR BRITISH  
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